

2017 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2017 Water Quality Report is now available.

Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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CONTROL YOUR CONTROLLER TURN IRRIGATION DOWN FOR WINTER



Adjust your timer by taking a day off or entering the % found online.

Feel that chill in the air? So do your plants. Make sure to reduce your outdoor watering for fall and winter. During winter, our landscapes don't need as much water due to rain, cooler temperatures, shorter days, and plant dormancy. You can simply take a day off your controller schedule, or plug in our simple Watering % Adjust value on our website.

The Watering % Adjust is a percentage value of how much water plants need that accounts for

changes in weather. The Watering % Adjust value can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise and it is updated weekly. With this percentage value, you are able to adjust your sprinkler timer with one simple step. Turn the dial on your controller to the "seasonal adjust," "water budget" or "%" setting and press the up or down arrows to adjust the percentage to match the current Watering % Adjust found online. This will automatically shorten the run times of your sprinklers or drip so that they are not over-watering your garden for winter. When it begins to warm up and dry out in the spring, the percent value will increase, thus increasing the irrigation run times. Always monitor your garden for signs of stress or saturated soil and adjust as needed.

To save water when it rains, simply turn off your timer until your soil has dried out near the roots. For one inch of rain, you can generally leave your timer off for 7-10 days for your thirstiest plants. The City provides free Irrigation Evaluations to homes or businesses to show you how to adjust your sprinkler timer; if you would like to set up an appointment, please call 564-5460.

PLANNING FOR STREET MAINTENANCE

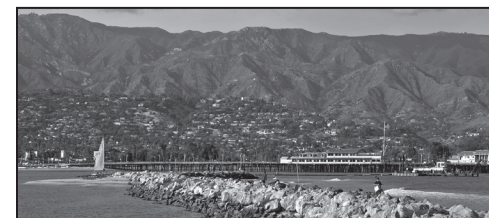


Measure C will help fund street maintenance starting in April 2018.

On November 7, City voters passed Measure C. This measure will fund the maintenance of critical infrastructure, including City streets, starting in April 2018. Rather than wait until April, the City is planning to put existing reserve funds to work so that construction can begin as early as January 2018 on streets that are most in need of repair.

For more information, visit the City's website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PublicWorks.

WATERFRONT ANNUAL PARKING PERMITS NOW ON SALE!



Get the best deal on Waterfront parking for 2018!

It's that time of year again: get your updated Waterfront annual parking permit or buy one for the first time. Either way, it's the best deal on Santa Barbara Waterfront parking for all of 2018! General waterfront parking permits cost \$100 and slip-permittee permits cost \$70. Permits are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2018. Permits are valid at all Waterfront pay lots, except Stearns Wharf, and are a great way to save on beachfront parking for the entire year.

The Waterfront Department encourages residents to purchase the 2018 permits early for a full year of economical parking. General permits are available beginning in December at the main Harbor Kiosk, as well as the Harbor-master's Office. Slip-permittee permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For more information, call 564-5523.



TRASH & RECYCLING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY

- **Battery Recycling** – Put batteries in a sealed clear plastic bag and place them on top of your recycling bin.
- **Electronics and Appliance Recycling** – Trash account holder must call Marborg at 963-1852 to schedule a free pickup.
- **Extra Holiday Collection** – For the 10 days after Christmas, Marborg will collect bags of extra holiday waste and Christmas trees.
- **Fats/Oils/Grease Recycling** – Do not put cooking oil down the drain or in the trash. Collect, store, and bring it to the Community Hazardous Waste Center by UCSB.
- **Reduce Food Waste** – Plan meals accordingly so you don't buy excess food and when you do have leftovers, save them for the next day.
- **Reduce Packaging Waste** – Buy local when you can or have items shipped together. Use reusable gift wrapping materials like burlap or other fabrics.



Christmas Tree and Holiday Trash Pickup.

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Choose holiday decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

IS YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESS CLEAN CREEKS CERTIFIED?



What NOT to do: When rain washes pollutants like construction materials from your work site into storm drains, it flows into our creeks and oceans untreated. Use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent materials like sediment, paint, and concrete from leaving your site.

Since 2006, an impressive 226 local restaurants, automotive businesses, mobile washers, and contractors have become certified as Clean Creeks Businesses! The City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division invites business owners and managers to participate in this voluntary program to help protect local creek and ocean water quality. Once a business is inspected and certified, they receive a window decal for their place of business or vehicle, and a certificate from the Mayor identifying them as a Clean Creeks Business. Certified Businesses are promoted at community events, on the Creeks Division's website and social media pages, in the monthly Creeks Division E-News, the quarterly Doing Business in Santa Barbara email newsletter, and in print ads in local publications.

To see the complete list of Clean Creeks Certified Businesses, or to learn more about how to get your business certified, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Creeks.



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